

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE GREAT LAKES BOAT BUILDING SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED OPERATION ACTION U.P.'S NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Great Lakes Boat Building School for being named Operation Action U.P.'s Non-Profit of the Year. Through their tireless work and steadfast devotion to their students and community, GLBBS has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula, the State of Michigan, and the Great Lakes region.

The Great Lakes Boat Building School was created in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 2005, with a mission to bring a local maritime trade school to the region. Their school has given many people the opportunity to learn about the boat building industry and embark on successful careers after their education. In addition to being awarded the 2020–21 Non-Profit of the Year by Operation Action U.P., they also recently have been recognized as a Bronze-Level Veteran-Friendly School by the Michigan Veteran-Friendly Schools Program. As a Veteran myself, I greatly appreciate the work they have dedicated to our men and women in uniform as they return from service. GLBBS continues to serve as a model for other programs across the country for the national educational standards they regularly exceed.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Great Lakes Boat Building School for their significant contributions to our region and their recent well-deserved recognitions. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

KARLA DIAZ CASTANEDA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karla Diaz Castaneda for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Karla Diaz Castaneda is a 12th grader at Vantage Point High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Karla Diaz Castaneda is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of

their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Karla Diaz Castaneda for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MASTER WEAVER FLORENTINA "FLOREN" MENO PAULINO

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Master Weaver Florentina "Floren" Meno Paulino. Master Weaver Paulino, or "Tan Floren" as she is affectionately known, was an esteemed artist, pillar of CHamoru tradition, and fountain of wisdom for the People of Guam. Our community will fondly remember her as a woman whose generous spirit and commitment to cultural preservation have and will continue to extend far beyond the fringes of her woven works.

As a young girl having grown up as part of the Greatest Generation of Guam, Tan Floren learned the basic skills of weaving from her father to contribute to her family and community. From baskets to mats, woven items were a significant part of daily life for CHamorus. By age twelve, Tan Floren began crafting items such as guagua' nengkanno' and tuhong siha—respectively translated as food baskets and hats. As she continued to learn and develop her skills, the knowledge she obtained from family and friends brought her to a level of proficiency required for weaving decorative items such as paluma, uhang, adothonulu, and inarekian flores—otherwise known as birds, shrimp, head bands, and floral arrangements. Over the years, her continued practice and growth paved the way for her to rise as a traditional master weaver specializing in plaiting coconut palm and pandanus leaves into utilitarian and decorative items.

Navigating new opportunities to pass on the traditional art of weaving, Tan Floren found a home in the Gef Pa'go Cultural Village where she could demonstrate her skills. For decades, she taught traditional weaving methods and articles for tourists, guests and student visitors alike. This passion for sharing knowledge with and empowering others poured out into other areas of her life as well, having retired from the Government of Guam after years of service at Inalåhan Elementary School, Inalåhan Middle School, and Talo'fo'fo Elementary School. She further maintained an active role in community life by participating in numerous cultural events across our island and region throughout the year. Moreover, she received formal recognition as a Master Weaver by the

Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) in 1997 as part of the Masters of CHamoru Tradition poster series.

Master Weaver Florentina "Floren" Meno Paulino is an icon of resilience who continues to inspire many throughout our island and region to remain steadfast in their pursuits of ancestral knowledge and indigenous rediscovery. Her tireless dedication to perpetuating the values of life, family, and culture central to our CHamoru identity resonate acutely with me, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating her life and legacy of deep-rooted community service. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Master Weaver Florentina "Floren" Meno Paulino, her family, and friends. She will be dearly missed, and her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 98; NAY on Roll Call No. 99; YEA on Roll Call No. 100; YEA on Roll Call No. 101; and NAY on Roll Call No. 102.

ROSALINDA CARDONA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rosalinda Cardona for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Rosalinda Cardona is a 12th grader at FutureForward Bollman and Northglenn High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rosalinda Cardona is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Rosalinda Cardona for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

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